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As a below-named joint inventor, I hereby declare that:

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We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject which is claimed and for which a U.S. Letters Patent is sought on the invention entitled **CONTINUOUS PUSHER-TYPE FURNACING SYSTEM FOR THE PRODUCTION OF HIGH-QUALITY UNIFORM BORON NITRIDE**, and as described in the specification filed 1/14/2004 as application number 10/756,989.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and; insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Titled 35, United States Code Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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